

## BASEBALL—SPORTS OF ALL SORTS—BOXING

### WHITE SOX ADD TWO RECRUIT INFELDERS TO TEAM

By Mark Shields

Bruce Hartford, shortstop, and Charles Vaughn, third baseman, have been added to the White Sox roster, and each will be given a thorough trial in the training camp at Mineral Wells, Tex. Hartford comes from Des Moines of the Western league, and Vaughn has been playing independent ball in California.

Hartford is a highly-touted young man, with a batting average above .300 in the Western league and a good defensive record. He stole more than 30 bases last season.

Frank Isbell sponsors Hartford, and President Comiskey has great faith in the judgment of his former star. Should Hartford make good, ousting Zep Terry, Buck Weaver will get a regular job at third base.

This move may give new strength to a division of the infield that is already fairly powerful. Where buttressing is needed is at first base, the position that Jack Ness and Jack Fournier divided last year. Developments during the latter part of the year make it fairly certain that Fournier will do no more work at the initial sack in 1917.

The Frenchman has had several trials at the position, but each time has failed in fielding. He was never meant for a big league first baseman and Manager Rowland now realizes it.

Ness, a hard worker, is also a few points shy of major league stardom. Jack hits a good lick, but he does not field the position in an acceptable manner. The loss of eight or ten games in 1916 can be directly ascribed to roughness in the defense at first base, and that difference in games won and lost meant a pennant.

Jourdan and Haabrook are recruit

prospects for the coming season, with the former having the better chance of landing. He had experience in the Western league, where he did everything better than that circuit expects. Last fall he had but two or three chances with the Sox.

Haabrook came to the South Side earlier than Jourdan and played in several games as a relief man. He was an adept at handling throws around the station, but appeared to be a weak hitter.

Phil Douglass and Mike Prendergast have sent their signed contracts to the Cubs, adding two good pitchers to the roster. Prendergast showed last season that he is a capable hurler. Douglass has ability to be one of the best pitchers in the league if his foot does not slip.

Douglass in the first days of spring training last year looked to be in the best form of his career, but he had some trouble in Tampa and Joe Tinker promptly shipped him to the minors.

Bowen High carried off prep honors in the Second Regiment armory last night in the curtain raiser to the Second Regiment athletic carnival to be held tonight. Bowen had 14 points, twice as many as La Grange, which took second place. Oak Park, Lane and U. High were tied for third with 5 points each.

A. Dowding of Bowen was individual star, winning the 40 and 220-yard dashes in easy fashion.

In the big doing tonight stars from all over the country will be in competition.

Grover Alexander, Philly pitcher, a hold-out, bids fair to remain in that class for some time, according to latest developments in his controversy with the club owners. At first it was believed only a small sum separated the disputants, but it appears Alex wants \$15,000 per year, while Pres. Baker is willing to give \$8,000. Alex was undoubtedly the star of his